

## **RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT RESPONSE**

In response to the Restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 12, 2006 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect Invention Group I, into which Examiner has categorized claims 1-12 and 19. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the claims of the remaining Invention Groups in one or more divisional applications.

In response to the requirement to further elect a primer pair to be search in regard to the claims of the elected Invention Group I, Applicants provisionally elect the primer pair of SEQ. ID. NOS. 1 and 8. However, as discussed in the following remarks, Applicants respectfully disagree with and traverse the requirement to elect a primer pair and respectfully requests that this Restriction requirement be reconsidered and withdrawn in light of the Director's explicit waiver of 37 C.F.R. §1.141 et req. (see pp. 3-4 of this paper).